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PASS DEPT OF LABOR FOR GERALD HOLMES

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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON ARVO AALTO

1. MINISTER OF LABOR IN NEW FINNISH GOVERNMENT IS ARVO AALTO, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FINNISH COMMUNIST PARTY (SKP). THIS IS HIS FIRST CABINET POSITION (CORRECTING INFORMATION IN ENCLOSURE TO DEPARTMENT'S 75 A-7078).

2. NOW 45 YEARS OLD, ALTO HAS BEEN MEMBER OF SKP SINCE 1951. HIS EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND CONSISTS OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AND COMMUNIST LABOR INSTITUTE. A BRICK-LAYER BY TRADE, AALTO WORKED IN METAL AND FOREST INDUSTRIES BEFORE BECOMING SKP PARTY WORKER. HE SERVED AS SKP REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR ROVAJEMI AND DISTRICT SECRETARY FOR LAPLAND 1959 TO 1969. HE HAS BEEN SECRETARY GENERAL SINCE 1969.

3. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS AALTO IS KNOWN AS HARD WORKING STRATEGIST OF SKP MAJORITY (SAARINEN) FACTION. PRESS ARTICLE REPORTS THAT IN 1971 HIS SPEECH IN SKP CENTRAL COMMITTEE WAS REGARDED AS SIGNAL FOR CAMPAIGN AGAINST PARTY'S TAISTOIST MINORITY. AALTO HAS BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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MILDLY OUTSPOKEN IN HIS FIRST FEW WEEKS AS LABOR MINISTER, ATTRACTING PRESS COVERAGE FOR HIS REMARKS CALLING FOR INCREASE IN HOUSING CONSTRUCTION.

4. AALTO IS MARRIED TO FORMER SIIRI ONERVA. THEY HAVE TWO DAUGHTERS: SIRPA ANNELI, 19 AND PRIJO ORVOKKI, 24. AALTO'S HOBBIES INCLUDE SKIING, FISHING,

READING AND ATTENDING THE THEATER. HE ALSO SERVES
AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF STATE ALCOHOL MONOPOLY.
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